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Gov. Brewer issued 27 pardons for Christmas gifts. That he will be criticised for some of them is to be expected, but what does human condemnation amount to when he who is made its object, acts from conscientious and merciful motives.

U. P. Dunbar, father of little Robert Dunbar, who is supposed to have been kidnapped near his home in St. Landry parish, La., desires it to be understood that complete immunity is promised to any and every one connected in any manner with his child's disappearance if the little boy is returned or his whereabouts made known.

Editor Carlisle of the West Point Leader insists upon giving his readers his "Pastor Russell" in his contention that there is no literal hell of fire and brimstone etc. Bro. Carlisle says he believes in "hell and a personal devil." Well we believe Bro. Carlisle is about right about the matter. There are altogether too many people who want to believe something else.—Ripley Sentinel

Perhaps Bro. Carlisle, through his long and strenuous struggle of newspaper life, has become thoroughly convinced that there must be a place for the abode and punishment of the delinquent subscriber after he leaves this mundane sphere.

John Clark, the Clarksdale man who was released from the state asylum for the insane Saturday by Chancellor Lyell on a writ of habeas corpus, has been arrested on warrants from Coahoma county charging him with felonious assault with attempt to murder J. W. Cutrer and J. H. Johnson and he will not be permitted to leave again. Clark has made so many threats against prominent men at Clarksdale that it is feared to allow him to run at large and if he is going to be released from the asylum in the face of testimony that he is still insane the authorities think it would be a great deal better to have him in jail. Considerable of a stir has been created by his release by the chancellor and especially in view of the fact that Dr. Nolan Steward, superintendent of the asylum testified that Clark was a confirmed and very dangerous lunatic.

If the man who "knocks" his own town, to strangers, had any idea of the feeling of contempt aroused in the heart of his auditors, he would change his tactics. No gentlemen can entertain the least respect for a man of that character in this age of boasting. Whereas on the other hand the world admires the man who goes the limit in defending or praising his own town or section. We have on several occasions at the hotels, heard visitors express themselves in regard to the "kickers" of this and other towns, and their words of contempt were as emphatic as unprintable.—Aberdeen Examiner.

January 1st the new interest laws passed by the last legislature, go into effect. After that date, the maximum rate of interest which can be charged in this state on written contracts is eight per cent, while unless the rate of interest is expressly stipulated, the rate is six per cent. As an inducement to money lenders to give borrowers the low rate, all indebtedness bearing six per cent interest is exempt from state, county and municipal taxation. The law will result in a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the debt owing people of Mississippi, while the money lenders will not be seriously hurt by it, if hurt at all.—Magnolia Gazette.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has rendered a decision which means that some ten or fifteen millionaires of that state who have not been bearing their share of taxation must now pay five years' taxes on property assessed at \$150,000.00. The property consists of stocks and bonds which the millionaires claimed was not subject to taxation, but the Illinois Tax Reform Association made a test case of the matter and successfully prosecuted its contention in the courts.

A BRAVE ACT

The action of Gov. Geo. W. Donaghey, or Arkansas, in freeing 360 convicts in one day was the act of a brave man, prompted by the most humane sentiment that ever caused a heart to throb. For four years Gov. Donaghey strove unsuccessfully through successive State legislatures to have the evil of the convict leasing system abolished, only to see his desired reform strangled by the all powerful lobby. The governor rightfully termed the system as "the legalized sale of flesh and blood to slave-driving contractors." This same ignominious traffic in Mississippi was abolished through the persistent efforts of Gov. Vardaman, and the Governor of Arkansas adopted a drastic but effective method of accomplishing through the pardoning power that which the legislature of his State was not brave enough to do.

Wilson's Cabinet Announced

Washington, Dec. 22.—President-elect Wilson already has practically selected his Cabinet. The men who will be asked to serve in the new president's official family have been decided upon, and tenders of portfolios will soon be made to them.

The name and the positions they will occupy was learned here today from a confidential source closer to Governor Wilson probably than any other. The Cabinet slate is:

Secretary of State—William J. Bryan, Nebraska.

Secretary of the Treasury—Henry Morgenthau, New York.

Secretary of War—Representative Mitchell Palmer, Pennsylvania.

Secretary of the Navy—Harry St. George Tucker, Virginia.

Attorney General—William F. McCombs, New York, or W. A. Glasgow, Jr., Philadelphia.

Postmaster General—Josephus Daniels, North Carolina.

Secretary of the Interior—Ex-Gov. Osborn, Wyoming.

Secretary of Agriculture—Representative Burleson, Texas.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Representative Redfield, New York.

Birth Not Reported

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 20, 1912.—The last session of the Legislature enacted a Vital Statistic Law for the State of Mississippi. The importance and necessity for such a law was shown recently in the State of Alabama.

The November Bulletin of the State Board of Health of Alabama says:

"A case of much interest has just come to the knowledge of this department. A man in Jefferson county died, leaving his widow a piece of property which was not considered to be valuable. Some months after the husband's death a child was born. After a while the property was sold for its taxes. Some years later, a corporation desired to purchase the property, which is now worth a fortune. The investigation of titles showed a child has the right of redemption if it could be shown that said child was the legitimate offspring of the former owner. The date of the death of the man was known. The date of the birth of the child had to be proved. A search of the records of the county health officer showed that the doctor had failed to report the birth. The doctor was dead. The mother could find no one by whom to prove the date of her child's birth. Hence, the mother is branded as a bad woman, and the child as an illegitimate. The child also loses a fortune of fifty thousand dollars, all because the doctor failed to do his duty."

The canal belongs to the government, not to the ship companies. Why should the government build a canal for their use any more than a railroad for the free use of railroad companies?—Memphis Appeal.

Revenue Agent Wirt Adams not only collects back taxes from the living, but pursues the man with the money beyond the grave. He has just arranged a settlement with the heirs of Jacob Bernheimer, the wealthy Port Gibson merchant who died two years ago, whereby the State and Claiborne county are to receive \$220,000 less the revenue agent's commission of 20 per cent.

Mr. Irma Hart, of Sartoria, has raised the banner crop of sweet potatoes for the county so far as the Herald can learn. From thirteen acres of ground Mr. Hart gathered 3000 bushels, an average of more than 230 bushels per acre. Mr. Hart shipped the potatoes to Vicksburg, and they netted him 27 cents a bushel, or \$810 for the shipment. This was net profit of over \$62 per acre.—Yazoo City Herald.

Gov. Brewer has named Dr. W. W. Smithson, a well known physician of Jackson, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Nolan Steward as superintendent of the state insane asylum.

Bryan's Greatness Far From an Eclipse

While there are many reasons why Mr. Wilson should desire to consult Mr. Bryan, there are just as strong ones why Mr. Bryan may not wish to be connected officially with the administration. Mr. Wilson will be President by reason of the masterful tactics of Mr. Bryan at Baltimore. Mr. Bryan espoused Mr. Wilson's cause because he believed he would be the best candidate with which to crush the influences not to his liking that have grown up in the nation, and he has repeatedly expressed the opinion that Mr. Wilson would make both an able and strong Chief Executive, but it does not follow that he would care to accept a cabinet position.

Mr. Bryan lacks a lot of being a "has been." There are yet Presidential elections to come and Mr. Bryan is still in the vigor of an active manhood. It has been the ambition of his life to be President, and it has not yet been recorded among the impossibilities that he will not some day reach that ambition. While Wilson and Bryan now seems to be in accord politically, there is no telling what the future may produce. The time may come when Mr. Bryan may feel called upon to criticize the administration of Mr. Wilson, and he could do so with a great deal more freedom from without than from within the cabinet. At any rate Wilson and Bryan are competent to do their own thinking and neither have asked irresponsible newspaper correspondents to relieve them of this responsibility. They can both take care of themselves.—Clarion-Ledger.

Governor Brewer and Child Convicts

"The penitentiary is not the place for any child under sixteen years of age. Unless there is some overwhelmingly strong reason; some extraordinary reason, children of these tender years shall not stay in the penitentiary as long as I can turn them out."

Thus announced Governor Earl Brewer, of Mississippi, a few days ago when he issued pardons to five. Four of them were given to little negro boys from Natchez, under two-year sentences for pilfering; the other was to a poor little fifteen-year-old white boy from Lafayette county who in a moment of temptation stole a watch.

Those are brave and humane words. The governor goes on to say that the great state of Mississippi should have a reformatory for its delinquent minors; that they should not be pushed further away from the shore and out into the sea of crime, but a helping hand should be held out to them.

The governor is going to urge the legislature again in his message when that body assembles a year hence, the need of such an institution for Mississippi. Meanwhile, he is acting in the belief that small crimes committed by children do not at all justify a crime on the part of the state of putting them in the penitentiary, or on the county farm among criminals, beyond all hope of redemption. Good people everywhere will applaud him in his course. As long as he determinedly stands, like the big-hearted, tender guardian he is, at the door of the penitentiary, and protects the erring children of Mississippi from being branded as felons, the overwhelming sentiment of the mothers and fathers of the state, and all in fact, who have the love of a child and pity in their hearts, will applaud him. Well done Governor—stick to it—Mobile Register.

The life of an editor was saved the other day by the presence of a silver dollar in his pocket. A crank shot at him and the bullet struck the dollar. Should we happen to get shot before you pay up your subscription and there is no dollar to stop the ball we shall always presume you might have saved our life.—Centerville Jeffersonian.

Post offices, except in the instance of a senator's own town, are regarded strictly in the light of Representatives' patronage, while U. S. Marshals, District Attorneys and Revenue appointments, are supposed to be controlled by the Senators. Consulates, foreign missions, etc., generally represent agreements and divisions that are often thwarted by executive preference or powerful personal or outside influence.—Aberdeen Examiner.

The 7th division of the Federal court of Mississippi, created by act of congress at last session, will hold its first term, Hon. H. C. Niles presiding, at Clarksdale, on the 3rd Monday in January. It will be added to the Northern district.

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There is valuable advice for many a boy in the following good gospel preached by the Senatobia Democrat: "A boy's success is largely measured by his manliness. That the term of manliness may be understood by our youthful readers, let it be understood that it does not mean a boy who can chew tobacco, smoke cigars and cigarettes, and who curses and swears and uses obscene language, and keeps company with boys of questionable character. A manly boy has sense enough to know that these things detract from the character of any boy. Most employers feel that it is their duty to discharge a boy with these habits almost as quick as for absolute dishonesty. The boy who aspires to be anything or anybody in the world cannot afford to ape the very worst habits in men, but should follow only the best examples of the best men."

CHANCERY SUMMONS

No. 4028.
The State of Mississippi:

To Mrs. Maud Colquhoun, defendant:

You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Harrison, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Gulfport, in the State of Mississippi, on the second Monday of February, A. D. 1913, to defend the suit in said court of R. L. Colquhoun, complainant, wherein you are defendant.

This 23rd day of December, 1912.
P. S. HEWES, Clerk.
By Jno. J. MURPHY, Deputy Clerk.

CHANCERY SUMMONS

No. 2727.
The State of Mississippi:

To Philo H. Goodwyn, an adult; William C. Goodwyn, a minor; Marjory Goodwyn, a minor, and Elizabeth Goodwyn, a minor, and Grace G. McGavock:

You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Harrison, at the court house thereof, in the City of Gulfport, in the State of Mississippi, on the second Monday of February, A. D. 1913, to defend the petition of D. M. Goodwyn, executor of the Estate of Mary E. Goodwyn, deceased, for sale of lands of said estate for the purpose of paying the debts due, wherein they are parties in interest.

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